

Crow Orchard April newsletter

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter Break. I simply cannot believe that we are in the final term of the school year. The months seem to fly by. A big term for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who will be having their SAT's tests, however the teachers have them well prepared, so hopefully they will not be too stressful and we will be pleased with their results. Come on guys give it your best shot because your best is good enough!

So on with the news.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY-SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 3 to London
Thursday 7 th May	POLLING DAY- RECEPTION TRIP
Monday 11 th May	SAT'S WEEK
Wednesday 13 th May	Reception walk to the Tawd
Wednesday 20 th May	Reception Pirate Day- dress up
Thursday 21 st May	2.30pm Year 1 class assembly- parents welcome
Friday 22 nd May	TRAINING DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	TRAINING DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 2 nd June	SCHOOL OPEN SUMMER TERM 2
Friday 5 th June	Year 4/5 swimming
	Year 6 to PGL residential
Monday 8 th June	Year 6- return from PGL
Tuesday 9 th June	9.15am Reception class assembly- parents welcome
Wednesday 10 th June	Theatre visit
Monday 15 th June	Year 1 phonics test week
Wednesday 17 th June	Crosby Hall residential- to go
Friday 19 th June	Crosby Hall- return
Monday 29 th June	Year 4 music workshop
	Year 6 trip
Monday 6 th July	Year 5 to Bamboo Theatre
Thursday 9 th July	Year 2 trip
Monday 20 th July	Book week
Thursday 23 rd July	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 8 th September	SCHOOL OPENS FOR AUTUMN TERM 1

POLLING DAY

The school will not be closed on the 7th May for polling day as we have done in previous years. We will use the reception class again, as we can open this room to the public without them having access to any other area of the school. Reception class are very lucky as we have arranged for them to go on a trip on this day instead.

RECEPTION NEWS



Reception have had some really effective workshops for parents which have been very well attended. It is lovely for the parents to come in and observe Mrs Mahood teach and then work with their own children developing a particular skill. I am seeing lots of pirate activities going on in their class and am thoroughly looking forward to their pirates' dressing up day.

YEAR 1 NEWS



Year 1 are currently looking at 'Animals Down Under' which is their new topic. They will be showing you all they have learnt in their class assembly on 21st May. Parents and carers please try to come and see your children in this assembly; they love it when you come into school to watch them. They are expecting a very exciting delivery of caterpillars soon which they will feed and watch grow. This is linked to their work on life cycles and I am sure they will love this whole experience.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Q1 Test	Q2 Test
Name	Name
Q1 S1	Q2 S1
Q1 S2	Q2 S2
Q1 S3	Q2 S3
Q1 S4	Q2 S4
Q1 S5	Q2 S5
Q1 S6	Q2 S6
Q1 S7	Q2 S7
Q1 S8	Q2 S8
Q1 S9	Q2 S9
Q1 S10	Q2 S10
Q1 S11	Q2 S11
Q1 S12	Q2 S12
Q1 S13	Q2 S13
Q1 S14	Q2 S14
Q1 S15	Q2 S15
Q1 S16	Q2 S16
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Q1 S28	Q2 S28
Q1 S29	Q2 S29
Q1 S30	Q2 S30
Q1 S31	Q2 S31
Q1 S32	Q2 S32
Q1 S33	Q2 S33
Q1 S34	Q2 S34
Q1 S35	Q2 S35
Q1 S36	Q2 S36
Q1 S37	Q2 S37
Q1 S38	Q2 S38
Q1 S39	Q2 S39
Q1 S40	Q2 S40

Year 2 are beginning to prepare for their tests and tasks for the end of KS1 SAT's assessments. Please don't worry about them during these activities. We try to make them fun and as stress free as possible. There is going to be a meeting on 30th April to explain about these tests, however if you have any concerns just come and have a chat with Miss Birch.

Year 2 are becoming really avid little readers and absolutely love working on their Horrid Henry books. There is no doubt that our new class libraries have

really boosted the children's enjoyment when it comes to reading books in general.

YEAR 3 NEWS



I am not sure how much longer I can cope with year 3 telling me how many days it is until they go to London. I have never known such a trip cause so much excitement! Plans for the day have now been risk assessed and even the risk assessments have been risk assessed! We have purchased a new set of high Vis jackets for them to wear and the itinerary is very precise to say the least. I think Mrs Heath and her crew want to make the most of every second of the experience.

Miss Cowell has returned to work as an Associate teacher at our school and we love having her back.

YEAR 4 NEWS



Year 4 went for their swimming lesson last week and to say they were a mixture of excitement and terror would be putting it mildly.

Those who were excited came back on the ceiling and those who were terrified said it was great, so all in all a good result!

The class have really enjoyed working on their class novel 'The Witches'. They have created flyers to warn people in Skelmersdale about how to recognise a real witch, which will obviously be very useful to us all! They have also written newspaper reports linked to all these witches and are eventually going to produce video interviews with the I pads. Fascinating stuff!

YEAR 5 NEWS



1819 - 1901

Year 5 had a very successful trip to Quarry Bank Mill linked to the topic they had been doing on The Victorians.

They are now moving onto their next topic which is called 'Mega Maps'. I think the title lets you know what the focus will be.

The two teachers have also asked that you try to support the children with the Summer Beach Party Reading Scheme. I am sure your children will tell you all about it but I'm sure it will mean lots and lots of reading- Can't think of anything I would love more!

YEAR 6 SAT'S TESTS



Our wonderful Year 6 are on the home straight for their SAT's tests. However Mr Spence is not lessening off the pace and is continuing to crack the whip! Please, please encourage your children to continue to work hard with their revision, so they can do as well as they possibly can in their tests. They are obviously important results which will inform the pupil's new schools in September and ensure they are put in the right working groups.

.....AND OPTIONAL TEST WEEKS

The Years 3, 4 and 5 classes will be taking their optional SAT's tests this year during the week beginning the 22nd June. The children will have received some preparation for these tests and we will make them as stress free as possible. We use the results of these tests to help us with our teacher assessment and inform future teaching and learning. Can you please ensure that your child/ren are in school this week.

PARENTS COMING INTO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING



Can we please ask parents not to come into school in the morning to drop off their children to class or to see the class teacher unless there is a real need to do so? Several teachers have come to complain about this and say that in some cases they have started teaching and are being interrupted by parents coming into their classrooms. We encourage all children even from Year 1 to come into school by themselves. This also helps with the congestion which we have in the morning in school. **So if there's not a problem.....LEAVE THEM AT THE FRONT DOOR!**

BEHAVIOUR IN THE YARD BEFORE SCHOOL

I have had a very concerned Governor who was early one morning and watched children climbing on the shed, wall and fence whilst waiting to come into school.

May I remind you that while waiting with your children to come into school, that you are responsible for them and should not be letting them do anything which would jeopardise their safety or set a bad example for younger children.

QUICK REMINDERS

- **HOLIDAY REMINDER**

Can I remind parents, as it is the time of the year when we think about booking holidays that school cannot authorise any holidays which are booked in term time? Holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. This is now a requirement for all schools due to Government recommendations. Holidays not classed as exceptional will be unauthorised.

- **NAMES IN UNIFORM**

Please, please, please put your child's name in all of their uniform. You would not believe how much lost property we have floating around school at the moment. We are at the time of the year when children take off their jumpers and cardigans more and if they have names in them it is so much easier for us all.

- **COATS IN SCHOOL**

Can you make sure that until the weather settles a bit that you send your children in with a coat or at least a jumper or cardigan? Our weather is so changeable that we cannot rely on it staying nice all day and children complain when it turns cold and they have to go out to play.

- **CROSBY HALL/ PGL**

Payment for both trips needs to be completed by the end of May. Any payment problems please see Mrs Heath.

MRS BAXTER WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE DONATED TOYS TO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

AND THAT'S ALL FOLKS- I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE BANK HOLIDAY AND THAT THE SUN IS SHINING ON YOU.

